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Square Miles-Methods by Which the Mother Country Obtained This Big Accession of Territory-Wrath of Rivals

Very little attention has as yet Very little attention has as yet been paid in this country, or, for that matter, even in England, to the announcement made in the House of Commons on March 30 that Sokoto had been occupied by a British force on March 15 after a slight skirmish. Four days after the fall of the city Sir Frederick Lugard, the Commissioner of Northern Nigeria, arrived at Sokoto.

And yet this little expedition is

at Sokoto.

And yet this little expedition is little only in the sense that it has not been expensive either in money or men. The fall of Sokoto means or men. The fall of Sokoto means the end of the once great Fulah Empire, and the different States which constituted this powerful Mohammedan confederation will in future be under British control. It is stated that the slave traffic between Lake Chad and the seacoast may now be regarded as utterly at an end. The capture of Sokoto, following the fall of Kano, places 500,000 square miles of territory under the rule of the white man, and the population of this territory is estimated at no less then 20,000,000.

The Fulsh Empire. The Fulah Empire.

The Fulah Empire was founded by Othman Dan Fodio a hundred years ago. He preached a religious war on the borders of Lake Chad, and, on the borders of Lake Chad, and, after subduing and converting the existing kingdoms, firmly established his sway at Sokoto. He bequeathed two empires to his sons. To the elder he left Sokoto itself, and to the younger Gando and its dependent States, which have ever since recognized the supremacy of since recognized the supremacy the Great Fulah. Six years ago Sir George Goldie dealt a crushing blow to the Fulah by the defeat of the Emir of Nupe, the strongest and most warlke of the kingdoms tribumost warnes of the angular troutery to Gando. The position of the Great Fulah was at that time compared to that of the Great Mogul during the decay of the Mohammedan Empire of Delhi.

British Methods.

The British followed the example of the East India Company, and avoided a direct challenge to the Fulah by administering their conquests indirectly through native foundatory Princes. After causing quests indirectly through native feudatory Prince. After causing some trouble the Pulah formed an alliance with Great Britain, rejecting the advances of the French. Lat-er he began to intrigue against the British, and the expedition which has now been brought to a successhas now been brought to a successful conclusion under the leadership of Sir Frederick Eugard followed.

Sir Frederick has been heartily congratulated by Mr. Chamberlain and other officials of the British Covernment on the success of the expedition, and it is probable that he will see the success of the expedition, and it is probable that he will see the some further bonor, as a will receive some further honor as a result of it, possibly a peerage. His work has immensely improved the

opportunities for opening up Central opportunities for opening up Central Africa to trade.

In an editorial article on the fall of Sokoto The Pall Mall Gazette sang a song of triumph of the kind which is so intensely irritating to some of the Continental nations. It spoke of "the wrath of our rivals" over the continual enlargement of over the continual enlargement the British Empire, referred to Egypt, the Soudan, and South Af-rica, and added:

A Song of Triumph.

'And now, even before our German friends have had time to recover from the shock of the South African Customs Convention, with its pref-erential treatment of British industry, there comes this morning another blow-a blow not, of course try, there comes this morning another blow—a blow not, of course, unexpected, but still, and equally, of course, entirely unwelcome. That is the news that Sir Frederick Lugard has occupied Sokoto. And what, and where, pray, is Sokoto? If we are not much mistaken there must be thousands of quite superior persons who must have asked that question this morning in the spirit of the rustie who, when informed of the death of the Duke of Wellington, merely said, Who wur'ce? Or, if somewhat more precisely informed, the death of the Duke of Wellington, merely said, 'Who wur'ee?' Or, if somewhat more precisely informed, they will, perhaps, have opined, as in the case of Rhoda, who ran a pagoda, and sold tea and ices and soda, in 'San Toy, that Sokoto has something to do with 'Africa or Fashoda'; and having been confirmed in the lambour opinion these suifa rashoda; and naving been confirmed in that luminous opinion these quite superior persons will straightway forget all about it. Verily, it is a weird thing, is the British Empire, and we who run it are, surely, not less weird.

Meaning of the Occupation

"Well, what is Sokoto, anyhow? And what does its occupation mean? Sokoto is, to put it briefly, the cap-Sokoto is, to put it briefly, the capital of a great empire, an empire much larger and richer than some sovereign States of Europe, and containing, in the way of population, a trifling matter of about twenty million black bodies, each with a soul inside it, which is, however, not much blacker, maybe, than the souls of some of our products of Christianity in this boastful isle. Into the effective occupation of this mere territorial trifle (it is only 500,000 square miles in extent) we have just entered, or are about to enter, by the capture of the capital city of Sokoto, following on that of the ancient and important commercial cen-Sokoto, following on that of the ancient and important commercial centre of Kano. For this we have to thank the bold initiative of Sir Frederick Lugard, a typical specimen of the sort of tool of empire-building which is, perhaps, the one product of British industry which our rivals cannot imitate."

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Citmonse Earliest Builder in England-Everything Goes Into Their Nests. With the exception perhaps of th

With the exception perhaps of the missel thrush, the raven, and an owl or two, the long-tailed titmouse, or bottle-tit, is. I believe, about the earliest of English nesting birds.

I watched two pairs of long-tailed titmice building on March 15 and 16. Once you know the ways of these little creatures and their haunts, it is easy to find a nest or two before the leaf is out. A sure sign that there is a nest at hand is vocifefousness. Such fuss and chatter even among the fussy family of titmice are rare.

Of the two nests I found, one is in a whitethorn, about three feet from the ground; the other in a spruce fir, at about the same height—rather low for the species.

The nest in the spruce fir is practically pendent, like a gold crest's, It rests on no stable basis, and is simply kept in place when the wind roughly rocks the bough to and fro by the perfectly skillful way, in which the birds have attached it to the drooping fir twigs. It is glued, as it were to these twigs here and there all round, at the top, the bottom, and the sides.

Unfortunately I was not able to get near enough to watch the birds attaching this nest to the twigs. But

taching this nest to the twigs. But I was lucky in seeing a good deal of the way in which the nest in the whitethorn bush at the edge of the

whitethorn bush at the edge of the coppice was built.

And first let me say that the nests of all the long-tailed titmice I can recollect at this mement have always had entrances facing south or southwest or west—but I think a southerly aspect is much more common than a westerly. I cannot recall finding a nest facing north or east, though I do not want for a moment to lay down a general rule and say that these birds never build nests facing either of those quarters.

Bird Sharers of Labor.

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The whitethorn nest, when first I noticed it, was about a quarter built, and it closely resembled a chaffinch's in position, material, and shape. A bird-nesting boy with me said "Chaffinch." But I felt sure it was a titmouse's, and lying flat down, about three yards off, I watched and waited d and waited.

Presently the tits arrived, sure enough One had its beak full of lichens. It chattered all the while, saw me, and flew a little way off. The other did likewise. I waited quite still, and presently was rewarded. One of the birds, the hen, I believe, flew into the bush and entered the

At first its movements within the At first its movements within the nest seemed to me delicate and gingerly, as if much action would do harm to the structure. But upon the next visit of the bird I noticed a display of considerable vigor. The little creature rummaged about in the nest, tail (which was pushed upward, of course), body and head all going hard.

ward, of course), body and head all going hard.

While the beak built up the sides, the body, unless I am very much mistaken, was all the while molding and pressing the inside of the nest. It was curious to notice the way in which the builder worked its way round and round the nest, touching up now one side, now another.

Once, to my joy, I saw it, drag a scrap of material off the edge of one side of the nest and place this elsewhere. As a result of this method of building, the sides grow up quite level. I was so delightfully near that I could see the tiny beak pushing and weaving and pressing the building materials together with intense energy.

ntense energy.
Both birds built. The cock long-Both birds built. The cock long-tailed titmouse does not merely attend the hen and encourage her, as the cock linnet or the cock tree-creeper does. He works with a will himself. Is it because the nest is such a long and difficult undertaking that he shares the labors, or is the

that he shares the labors, or is the long and difficult nest the result merely of this energy on the part of both hen and cock?

A minute inventory of the nest, so far as it had gone, showed that the following materials were in use: Moist moss, small tree lichens, flattish, green-gray on the upper, and dark, boot-leather brown on the under side; silk from the cocoons of some insects, cobwebs, one feather (worked into the side; the great mass of feathers used for lining are not laid in till the nest has been domed laid in till the nest has been domed over), some tiny strips of thinnest birch bark; some very fine dried

grasses.
As the birds flew about their home As the birds flew about their nome they looked like scraps of wind-borne fluff. "Exquisite" is a poor word with which to describe them. It makes one tingle with pleasure to watch.—Correspondence of London

Origin of "Budget."

It is difficult to realize that the term "budget," now so often in evterm "budget," now so often in every one's mouth, is a term less than 200 years old, the earliest mention of the word dating no further back than 1733. We borrowed it from the fold French language—hougette, meaning a small bag, in which in former times it was the custom to put the estimates of receipts and excenditures when presented to Parliaput the estimates of receipts and expenditures when presented to Parliament. Hence the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in making his annual statement, was formerly said to open his budget. In time the term passed from the receptacle to the contents, and, curiously, this new signification was returned from this country to France, where it was first used in an official manner in the early part of the nineteenth century.—London Chronicle.

Missis-Bridget, why did you kiss that policeman I saw in the kitchen last night? Bridget-Well, mum, it's against the law to resist the police.

-World's Comic.

"Dolly, you seem to love papa better than you do me!" "Oh, mam-ma, I don't mean to, but papa, you know, always has his pockets full of pennics!"—Sketchy Bits.



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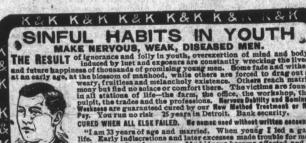
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